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The Executive Board of the W. J. Urban League met on the above date with fifteen present and the President opening the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

A letter had been received from the National Urban League stating the rumor that Sec. of Labor Perkins might be succeeded by Geo. M. Harrison and pres. of Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and urging a protest against such an appointment.

A communication had been received from the Leharry Endowment Fund asking for names of possible subscribers. This will be referred to the local Alumni Association.

On November 7th the combined membership and industrial committees had met and discussed an industrial department.

Mrs. Moorfield reported progress of the Com on Personnel Practices.

Treasurer's report showed:

Expenses	\$1079.50
Bank Balance	
as of Nov. 1st.	535.74

At the Washington conference 12 Leagues had been represented and had met with 12 Dept. Heads. Among other things, discussion were held on the exclusion of Negroes from Vocational training, and from Defense Industries.

Negro registrants are being classified as unskilled.

In the future contracts will contain clauses prohibiting discrimination.

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Bent profiteering has been brought to the attention of the National Consumers Council--also to the local council.

As a result of the Trenton conference, the WPA has started to work with heads of vocational schools who will take those qualified in night classes if the Urban League will find employment during the day. The Exec. Secretary has started such a group. The C.F.C. is planning for those who have been in Camp and are now back home. If the Urban League can place any, it will change the idea that Negroes cannot be absorbed in industry.

With Mr. Gillette in the chair, the Dorothy Daynor concert was considered.

The Exec. Secretary received a block of tickets which had been purchased by a generous subscriber. The following groups were suggested as possible recipients of some of these tickets. The Neighborhood House Music Settlement, the Grange, Newark, Montclair YW's, the Chorus from Arts High, the Spiritual Choirs of Grange and Montclair.

Mrs. Moorfield asked if the League would be a sponsoring organization for the New Jersey Consumers' Council. This organization started as an independent group, but now is responsible to the State and the National Government, (National Defense - Consumers' Interest). Public opinion must be aroused; the public must be educated. Will the League pay the minimum fee?

After short discussion motion was made by Miss Shepard, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried that the League pay \$2.00.

Going back to the matter of vocational education, motion was made by Mr. Tate, seconded by Miss Shepard that the Board ratify the action of the Exec. Secretary with regard to the first group of trainees. Motion carried.

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The attention of the Board was called to a public meeting of the Interracial Council to be held on the evening of Nov. 18th at the YMCA at which time, Dr. M. O. Bousfield of Chicago would be guest speaker. The proposal that the Community Hospital be made an annex of the City Hospital has caused much discussion, and is not agreeable to the Community Hospital Board. Dr. Levy has suggested that the League have a committee to work with the Interracial Council on this effort.

Mr. Ground suggested that the League might offer support. This was put in the form of a motion, was seconded by Mr. Tate and carried.

The League had received a letter from a Newark Lawyer in which he suggested that there be an effort to interest Negroes in a F. H. A. project. Negroes of means to form a group investment.

The Executive Secretary announced a Conference of National Housing Officials Region II at the Robert Treat Hotel, December 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The N. J. Conference of Social Work will meet in Asbury Park, Dec. 5, 6, 7.

Motion by Miss Shepard, seconded by Mr. Tate and carried that the League be represented by the Executive Secretary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

U. M. Jenifer, Sec.